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6 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
7 **FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA**
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10 United States of America,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 Anton Andreyevich Iagounov,

14 Defendant.
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No. 3:25-cr-00017-ART-CSD

ORDER

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17 The undersigned judge previously ruled that Acting U.S. Attorney Sigal Chattah
18 was not legally appointed, and disqualified her from supervising in four cases. *United*
19 *States v. Garcia*, 2025 WL 2784640 (D. Nev. Sept. 30, 2025), *appeal filed*, No. 25-6229
20 (9th Cir. Oct. 2, 2025). Relying on this order, Defendant Anton Iagounov has moved to
21 disqualify Ms. Chattah from supervising his case or to dismiss the charges against him.
22 Doc. 39, No. 3:25-cr-00017. The motion has been transferred to the undersigned judge.

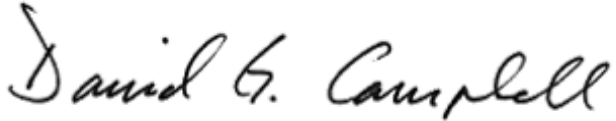
23 The Court has granted the government's motion to stay its previous decision
24 pending Ninth Circuit review. *See* Doc. 52, *United States v. Garcia*, No. 2:25-cr-00230.
25 While continuing to believe that its earlier ruling regarding Ms. Chattah's appointment is
26 correct, the Court concluded that the ruling raises novel and important questions and that
27 the respect due a co-equal branch of government counsels in favor of staying the decision
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1 until an appellate ruling can be obtained. The Court notes that the Court of Appeals has
2 expedited the briefing schedule.

3 In light of this stay, the Court will deny Defendant Iagounov's motion without
4 prejudice. If the Ninth Circuit affirms the Court's decision to disqualify Ms. Chattah but
5 she remains in office, the motion can be re-filed and presumably can be resolved by the
6 presiding Nevada judge based on Ninth Circuit law. If the Court of Appeals reverses the
7 Court's decision, the arguments made in the motion will be moot.

8 **IT IS ORDERED** that Defendant Anton Iagounov's motion to dismiss or disqualify
9 (Doc. 39, No. 3:25-cr-00017-ART-CSD) is denied without prejudice to re-filing after the
10 Ninth Circuit rules on the pending appeal.

11 Dated this 25th day of November, 2025.

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15 David G. Campbell
16 Senior United States District Judge
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